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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Cole, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Talabi, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5532 (Cole) Food; other; more mushroom buyers; eliminate requirement to be certified.

HB 4850 (Sheppard) State financing and management; purchasing; biobased procurement plan for state of Michigan purchasing; create.

Representative Cole reviewed the provisions of the bill with the Committee and submitted information regarding identification and harvesting of more mushrooms as well as certification for the sale of mushrooms to food service establishments.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5532:

Linda Gallagher of Central Lake, Michigan, in support

Brad Deacon and Kevin Besey, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

Megan Swain, representing the Michigan Association for Local Public Health, submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 5532.

The Committee proceeded to discuss HB 4850.

Representative Sheppard reviewed the contents of HB 4850 with the Committee.

David Williams, representing the Michigan Soybean Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Keith Reinholt, representing the Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee, commented on HB 4850 and was present to answer questions.

John Dulmes, representing the Michigan Chemistry Council, spoke to the Committee and indicated a neutral position on HB 4850.

Cards for HB 4850 were submitted by:

Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in support

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support

Tony Des Chenes, representing the Potato Growers of Michigan, in support

Scott Robbins, representing the Michigan Forest Producers Council, in support

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:35 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538